THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) ONGC charter hires Indian Flag Vessels from Indian Shipping Companies and these OSVs are since operating in accordance with the formula known as the Director General Shipping Formula approved by Government of India. ONGC also charter hires OSVs from the open market through International Competitive Bidding on the basis of day charter rates on a need basis.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of gas from ONGC to Trombay Thermal Power Station

1241. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a committed quantity of 1.5 MMSCMD of gas for supply from ONGC to Trombay Thermal Power Station of Tata Electric Companies;

(b) if so how long this committed quantity was maintained to this power station;

(c) what has been the quantity of gas supplied during the year 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(d) whether it was cut down to 0.5 MMSCMD at any time? if so, the reasons for the same; and

(e) whether Government are aware of the impact of reduction in supply of gas to Trombay Power Station on the stability of the power to the city of Bombay and what actions are being taken by Government to ensure the supply of committed quantity of gas to the power station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average annual supply was above 1.5 MMSCMD upto 1992-93.

(c) 1992-93 . . . 1.58 MMSCMD
1993-94 . . . 1.15 MMSCMD

(d) The commitment was reduced to 0.5 MMSCMD from June 1992 to September 1994 on account of reduced availability of gas.

(e) The average supply during April-November 1994 has been above 1.5 MMSCMD.

Agreement between Damania Airways and IOC

1242. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Damania Airways, the private airlines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for the import and handling of aviation turbine fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the Memorandum of Understanding, M|s. Damania Airways wll provide Special Import Licence, available under Govt. Scheme on promotion of exports and Indian Oil Corporation will import Aviation Turbine Fuel against the said Licence on behalf of Damania Airways, subject to provisions of Import and Export Policy 1992-97 and directives of the Government.

Derision regarding hiring if private Sector Tankers on Monthly Basis

1243. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil Coordination Committee has recently decided to hire private sector tankers on monthly basis against the normal practice of hiring such vessels for a minimum period of one year; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) (a) and (b) According to the existing policy. first priority for crude transportation is given to Indian Flag tankers of Public Sector Undertaking (Shipping Corporation of India) and after utilising fully public sector tankers, additional Tonnage requirement are met from private sector Indian Flag tankers.

Shipping Corporation of India hav purchased four newly built Suezma Tankers, out of which two have alreac been received and two more are expecte in January and May, 95 respectively. A per tonnage assessment, arrival of thii and fourth Suezmax tankers would crea surplus tonnage. Because of this, priva sector suezmax tankers time charter being renewed on a monthly basis.

Production by IOBL

1244. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEU AND NATURAL GAS be pleased state:

(a) what is the actual production the plants of Indian Oil Blending Lt (IOBL) a subsidiary of IOC in the ye 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) wha is the production of blendii plant of IOC at Madras during the sar years;

(c) what are the sales figures *vis-a-v* production;

(d) whether IOC and its subsidia had to resort to lower production d to excess inventory and loss of sale du ing these years; and

(e) what has been the production a sale in these planets till date during t financial year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF TI MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AI NATURAL GAS CAPTAIN SATI SHARMA): (a) and (b) The actual p duction in the plants of IOBL at Bo bay Calcutta, Veshi and IOC's pl at Madras during the last three years v as under: